

Approved Parish Council Minutes

St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Joliet

March 25, 2014

In Attendance: Mike Harvey (Representative of Men's Club and Parish Council President), Mimi Hernandez (Spanish Ministry & Finance Committee Chair), Kurt Kambic (At Large), Rosario Gurrola (RE/ Adult Formation), Adriana Hernandez (Service), Father Pete Jankowski (*Ex Officio*), Deacon Darrell Kelsey (*Ex Officio*), Paul Kolodziej (*Ex Officio*), Deacon Chuck Peterson (*Ex Officio*), Alicia Tocwish (*Ex Officio*) and Councilman Jim McFarland (guest)

Absent: Lynn Michels (55 Club & CCW)

Meeting called to order at 7:19 p.m. Opening Prayer led by Fr. Pete

I. Approval of Last Month's Minutes

No minutes presented will approve at next meeting

- II.** Fr. Pete welcomed Councilman Jim McFarland to the Parish Council meeting. All council members introduced themselves. Fr. Pete gave Councilman McFarland an overview of how in the past five years the parish has evolved into a service oriented entity serving the needy and poor of our community (from celebrating funerals for the poor to feeding and providing financial assistance to the needy). Deacon Paul and Kurt made comments to support the hustle and bustle of our parish. Councilman McFarland assured us that a solution for the St. Pat's neighborhood parking situation during the winter months is being worked on. He also wanted us to know that we had a friend who champions our work in the community. In his opinion the bigger issue at hand is how to get the St. Pat's community to represent themselves. He feels our community is being underserved. The area east of Larkin seems to be neglected when it comes to road repairs and even the removal of snow. He suggested we unite the community and host a meet and greet with the Councilmen representing the St. Pat's area. They need to know that their concerns are important to the city.

III. Reports

A. **CCW** – No Report

B. **Finance.** RE tuition collection is going well. Waiting for audit report. Will meet soon to review the proposed budget for 2014-2015

C. **Food Pantry:** Mobil Food Pantry will be here April 28, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; we are expecting 175 to 200 families. The St. Francis Community outreach was poorly attended; Mike suggested we do a survey to find out why? The Food Pantry is collecting an excess of bread and bagels. We are now picking up bread from Panera twice a week. Mike strongly suggested that we find one more family to help pick up the bread from Panera to make it easier on the three that already help (Lockwood, Harvey and Kambic).

D. **Hispanic Ministry:** Fr. Pete agreed to have a monthly trial run (for three months) to see if a Saturday Mass would be beneficial. Twenty-Five new people showed up for the March Mass. Hopefully more will show up to the April 5th Mass. Under the direction of a new parishioner (Rosa Trejo) we are now praying the rosary every day at 12 p.m. in the chapel.

E. **Religious Education:**

1. See attached

F. **Worship:** No Report

G. **Pro-Life:** Due to Joe's declining health, Joan Bannon had expressed the desire to step back as the chair of the pro-life committee, we finally found someone that is willing to help in this capacity. Maria Adriana Hernandez has been working with the Respect Life group from the Diocese and with their help and Joan's has agreed to move forward with this ministry. Thank you Joan for all your years of service!

H. **Men's Club:** No report.

I. **Teen Ministry:** Will join the RE students on their trip to Hopkins Park.

- J. RCIA- Deacon Darrell asked encouraged everyone to write letters to our candidates.
- K. SVDP- Deacon Chuck wanted to let everyone know that we have funds to assist families in need of rental/utility assistance. Suggestion was made that we might want to feature success stories in our bulletin along with the monthly reminder to support SVDP.

IV. Pastor's Report

Fr. Pete informed the Parish council that during the staff meeting he has delegated different responsibilities to each of the staff members. Jim is in charge of grounds and building maintenance as well as decorating the church during Easter and Christmas. Julie is in charge of anything having to do with Religious Education and Sacraments. Deacon Darrel is responsible for RCIA and Youth Group related events and classes. Deacon Paul is responsible for homebound visits and locking the buildings at night. Deacon Chuck is in responsible for all decision having to do with Saint Vincent de Paul. Alicia is responsible for all finances including the collection of tuition. Maria Jankowski and Alicia are responsible for all parish socials. Maria is in charge of the food and Alicia of all money collections, publicity and decorating. In the event that either one of them is not able to fulfill their duties Fr. Pete will reassign their duties to someone else.

Fr. Pete has a few more projects he feels are necessary to maintain the parish. The first being the parking lot, this project has been on hold for the past 5 years due to the parishes' financial situation. Due to the extreme winter this year and wear and tear from the school buses, we can no longer wait to repair the parking lot, therefore Fr. Pete has been in conversation with Mr. Don Cordano and the Parks Foundation to see if there is a possibility to get some help with this project. Fr. Pete has also contacted Glenn Van Cura to see if Catholic Charities can cover some of the cost. He also mentioned the project to Councilman McFarlad to see if he can encourage the city to fix Memenas Drive as well, as it is a public street (south west area beyond the playground), and is in really bad disrepair. The carpet in the church also needs to be replaced. The third project is the boiler in the rectory.

Deacon Chuck ended the meeting with prayer.
Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by Alicia Tocwish